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FM AMCONSUL SAO PAULO

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SUBJECT: INFLATION

1. DURING PRIVATE, OFF-THE-RECORD SESSION WITH ECONOMIC COMMITTEE OF AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, O ESTADO'S DIRECTOR AND ECONOMICS EDITOR FREDERICO HELLER PREDICTED THAT THE INCREASE IN BRAZIL'S COST-OF-LIVING THIS YEAR WOULD BE 17 PERCENT. IN SUBSEQUENT COMMENTS HE CORRECTED HIMSELF, PROJECTING A RATE OF INFLATION OF "15 TO 17 PERCENT" BUT IT WAS CLEAR FROM THE CONTEXT OF HIS REMARKS THAT HE BELIEVES HIGHER FIGURE IS THE MORE PROBABLE RESULT.

2. HELLER'S VIEWS CARRY SUBSTANTIAL WEIGHT IN LOCAL ECONOMIC CIRCLES BOTH BECAUSE OF HIS PERSONAL REPUTATION AND BECAUSE HE IS KNOWN TO HAVE VERY CLOSE TIES TO DELFIM NETO. THE FACT THAT THE CAUTIOUS HELLER WOULD MAKE SUCH A PROJECTION IN A SEMI-PUBLIC FORUM MAY INDICATE THAT THE VIEWS HE EXPRESSED REPRESENT NOT ONLY HIS OWN ASSESSMENT BUT POSSIBLY THOSE OF SOME RANKING GOB OFFICIALS AS WELL.

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